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SUBJ: NAMIBIA: CONTACT GROUP WORK ON NAMIBIA PROPOSAL

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1. WE TALKED WITH QUAI OFFICIAL RESPONSIBLE FOR SOUTHERN AFRICA (LAHAYE) MORNING MARCH 24 TO MAKE POINTS REFTEL. EMPHASIZING THAT WE CONSIDER IT ESSENTIAL THAT CONTACT GROUP COMPLETE ITS WORK THIS WEEKEND IN ORDER TO PERMIT PRESENTATION OF PROPOSAL TO SAG AND SWAPO TUESDAY MORNING AS A MEANS OF HEADIRG OFF SOUTH AFRICAN ANNOUNCEMENT OF DATE FOR NAMIBIAN ELECTIONS. LAHAYE, AFTER ASKING IF WE HAD MADE SAME POINTS TO FRENCH UN MISSION (WE SAID WE HAD), SAID THAT HE HAD BEEN UNDER THE IMPRESSION THAT APRIL 3 WAS TARGET DATE FOR PRESENTING PROPOSAL. OUR NEW INFORMATION THAT SAG CONSIDERING ANNOUNCING DATE FOR ELECTIONS AS EARLY AS NEXT WEEK WAS NEW ELEMENT. LAHAYE UNDERTOOK TO CONSULT IMMEDIATELY WITHIN QUAI AND BE IN TOUCH WITH FRENCH UN MISSION.

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2. LAHAYE DID NOT REPEAT NOT PROMISE THAT INSTRUCTIONS WOULD BE SENT TO FRENCH UN MISSION. WE EXPECT DECISION THIS MATTER WILL BE MADE AFTER THE QUAI HAS CONSULTED WITH ITS NEW YORK MISSION. AS FAR AS QUAI IS CONCERNED THERE SOME TRUTH TO CLAIM THAT HOLIDAY WEEKEND HAS EMPTIED FOREIGN MINISTRIES;

PRINCIPLE ACTION OFFICER ON NAMIBIA AND SEVERAL OTHER
OFFICIALS IN AFRICAN DIRECTORATE ALREADY UNAVAILABLE
BEFORE TUESDAY.
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NOTE BY OC/T: REFERENCE APPEARS TO BE INCORRECT.

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